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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR WESTERN CASS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

Linden, Texas, July 8, 2003— Bryan Daniel, state director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that Western Cass Water Supply Corporation received a \$1,167,500 loan and a \$3,352,500 grant through the agency's Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste program. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide economic opportunities to America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance their quality of life."

The funds will be used for construction of Phase II and will include ground storage, pressure tanks, and additional distribution lines. A total of 447 users will be added to the new system and will serve 1148 customers total.

In Fiscal Year 2002, \$ 91.7 million in loan and grant assistance was infused into 61 projects and 106,000 rural Texas households. USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Mount Pleasant Local Office at (903) 572-5411, Ext. 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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